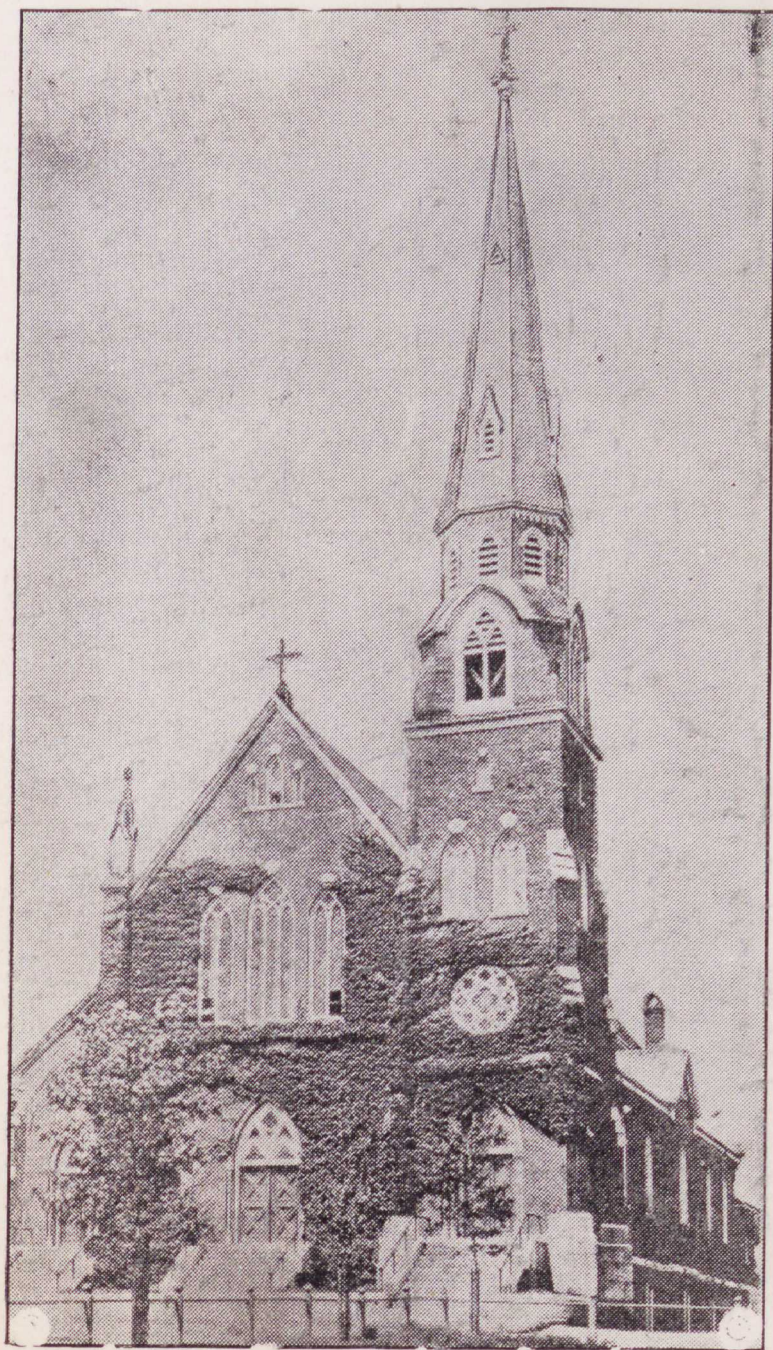


1935

*Reunion
of
St. John's Parish
Peabody, Mass.*



*Hawthorne Hotel, Salem
Monday Evening
March 4, 1935*





REV. W. GEORGE MULLIN, PASTOR

GREETINGS

To the members of St. John's Parish here assembled in joyous reunion I wish as your Pastor to extend a most heartfelt and cordial greeting on behalf of my reverend assistants and their able committee. I would express our appreciation for your whole-hearted assistance in this and all our undertakings.

May God bless and recompense you a hundred fold for your encouragement and co-operation.

HISTORICAL.

It has been thought advisable to include within the covers of this program a word picture of the parish which holds such an important place in the lives of us all—with the hope that in moments of greater leisure it may be perused with salutary effect on all who read its brief account.

The impressive House of God which is the central point of the present beautiful parish property was erected in the years 1871-2, receiving its incentive from Rev. John J. Gray, then pastor of St. James' Church of Salem. This beloved priest of God was given the privilege of saying the first mass on December 25, 1871. The church was formally dedicated by Archbishop Williams on Sunday, November 30, 1879.

Rev. Michael J. Masterson was appointed permanent pastor in 1874 and remained to foster the initial growth of his flock until his death on Sunday, November 20, 1910.

Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy received his appointment as pastor here on December 4, 1910, remaining until his appointment as pastor of All Saints' Church in the Allston section of Boston on July 12, 1920.

Rev. Thomas P. McGinn came to Peabody from St. Mary's Church at Ayer on July 12, 1920, and remained as pastor until his death in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 30, 1928.

Rev. W. George Mullin assumed the duties of pastor in 1928. As the many and particular problems of the parish unfolded themselves for his judgment and decision the crying need of the faithful in South Peabody became more and more acute. Our present pastor broke the ground for St. Ann's Chapel on Lynn Street on November 20, 1928, and the beautiful little edifice was rushed to completion in time for the Midnight Mass of Christmas of that same year. From the first congregations of a few hundred persons, the interest and growth has been so sincere and extensive that at present the two Sunday Masses are hardly sufficient to accommodate the adults and children of the section.

Ever conscious of his duty to the flock entrusted to his care by Almighty God, Father Mullin's eyes turned to the West Peabody section of the community. He secured the use of the West Peabody Community Club for a Sunday School for the young people of that district, thereby laying a very modest foundation for future growth. Their desire for spiritual nourishment was made manifest at once and now a highly successful course of instruction on the fundamentals of our holy faith is given each Sunday by the zealous sisters of Notre Dame.

It is the sincere wish of the clergy and committee that this summary of the activity of the parish will be of interest and also prove an incentive to carry on the noble work so ably started by our worthy ancestors. When the pleasures of this evening are over, when the thrill of renewed acquaintance with old friends has faded, when the merry lilt of music has become but a memory—may this little word of greeting bring to you our expression of appreciation.

REV. W. GEORGE MULLIN, Pastor.

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